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Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application, and please indicate when a communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may be expected in response to the attached Restriction Response filed April 14, 2004.

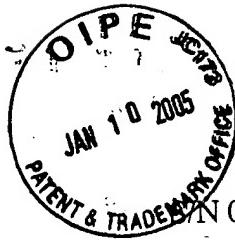
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 17, 2004. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant(s) hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I, (claims 1-35 and 41-44) for prosecution in the instant application. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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